

PROGRESS REPORT

BUILDING NORTH DAKOTA



Committed to the future of rural communities.



"Across USDA, we are targeting six critical components to create the foundation for growth and opportunity in rural America: the expansion of broadband access, promoting renewable energy, increasing agricultural exports, taking advantage of ecosystem markets, capitalizing on outdoor recreation, and linking local farm production to local consumption. USDA is the "Every Day, Every Way" Department because it touches the lives of every American. So while the entire Department is engaged in the important work of creating prosperity in communities so that they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving, Rural Development is at the center of our efforts."

Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture



"Today, rural America is home to about 50 million people, and about three quarters of the geography of the United States is still rural in nature. While agriculture is still a significant driver in rural America, only 6.5 percent of the rural workforce is directly employed in farm production. This means that USDA must support not only the farms, but also the communities that surround and support them. USDA Rural Development is central to this community-building effort."

Dallas Tonsager
Under Secretary for Rural Development



"USDA Rural Development continues to be a key partner in building a better North Dakota. In the past Fiscal Year, USDA Rural Development financed over \$783 million in North Dakota projects. This positive impact on North Dakota's economy helps ensure that our rural communities have access to the necessary resources to build a stronger future."

Jasper Schneider
State Director for Rural Development

who we are

BUILDING NORTH DAKOTA

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in North Dakota. We offer an array of programs that help us fulfill that mission. Through our housing programs, Rural Development is able to help families realize the dream of homeownership, our business programs help expand economic development, our community facility programs build infrastructure that benefit everybody and our utility programs help ensure that every part of the state has access to reliable electricity and fast broadband internet.

As North Dakota continues to build on the success of our agricultural, energy and manufacturing industries, it is imperative that we have a rural workforce. Through USDA Rural Development's vast resources and flexible programs, we are able to build the necessary infrastructure to encourage people to live, work, raise families and establish businesses in North Dakota.

Building North Dakota is a team effort and I am honored to partner with you to ensure that North Dakota's better days are still ahead of us.

Jasper Schneider
State Director



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Our team is committed to the future of rural communities.



PROGRAM FUNDING - 2009

502 Direct Loans	\$6,531,407	Water and Waste Grants	\$3,075,000
502 Guaranteed Loans	\$15,288,471	Water and Waste Grants (ARRA)*	\$7,792,760
502 Guaranteed Loans/Refinance (ARRA)*	\$25,251,841	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans	\$18,387,000
515 Direct Loans	\$2,045,870	Rural Business Enterprise Grants	\$336,741
Rental Assistance	\$4,453,956	Rural Business Enterprise Grants (ARRA)*	\$181,000
Multi-family Housing Guaranteed Loans	\$1,900,000	Rural Business Enterprise Grants Native American Set Aside	\$150,000
504 Loans and Grants	\$638,299	Rural Business Opportunity Grants	\$80,600
Housing Preservation Grants	\$100,000	Rural Business Opportunity Grants Native American Set Aside	\$31,500
Voucher Demonstration Project	\$143,904	Rural Cooperative Development Grants	\$400,000
Community Facility Direct Loans	\$617,300	Rural Economic Development Grants	\$600,000
Community Facility Guaranteed Loans	\$20,415,725	Rural Economic Development Loans	\$740,000
Community Facility Direct Loans (ARRA)*	\$622,410	Rural Energy for America Program Grants	\$223,855
Community Facility Grants	\$151,937	Rural Energy for America Program Combo Loans	\$199,839
Community Facility Grants (ARRA)*	\$180,920	Intermediary Re-lending Program	\$1,350,000
Community Facility Tribal College Grants	\$880,000	EZ/REAP Program	\$951,140
Water and Waste Direct Loans	\$6,558,350	Electric	\$647,095,000
Water and Waste Direct Loans (ARRA)*	\$14,425,800	TOTAL:	\$783,050,625
Water and Waste Guaranteed Loans	\$1,250,000		

* ARRA - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

...increasing housing opportunities



HOUSING

security

“USDA Rural Development helped me realize my dream of homeownership.”

– Samuel Johnson, Homeowner


USDA Rural Development housing programs work to improve the quality of life for rural Americans by ensuring that they have access to safe, well-built, affordable homes. A house is more than a roof over our heads; it is often the foundation upon which rests our ability to live near good jobs, build economic stability and gain access to good schools and other public services. By providing loans and grants, Rural Development not only is able to help people acquire homes, it helps build better lives and communities.

- 698 North Dakota families/individuals were assisted in obtaining the American dream of homeownership
- 134 North Dakota families/individuals were assisted in making essential home repairs and energy-efficient upgrades
- 1,571 North Dakota families/individuals enjoyed quality rental housing



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An aerial photograph of a large industrial facility, likely a grain elevator or mill. The facility features numerous tall, white, cylindrical storage silos arranged in rows. Several large, light-colored buildings with gabled roofs are interspersed among the silos. A tall metal tower structure is visible in the background. The facility is situated in a rural area with green fields and trees. A semi-truck is parked on a road in the upper left, and several cars are visible in the lower left. A dirt road or construction area runs along the right side of the facility.

...creating jobs and strengthening the economy

Photo courtesy of Earth Harvest Mills, Harvey, ND

BUSINESS

opportunity

“USDA key player in economic development.”

– Jamestown Sun (Dec. 12, 2010)

Encouraging economic development to create a diversified economy has helped contribute to North Dakota's success. Financing the growth and establishment of businesses, USDA Rural Development has played a major role in the creation of jobs and stimulating rural economies. Our programs assist business leaders and meet the challenges of an intensely competitive global economy, while creating economic growth in rural communities.

Rural Development has impacted North Dakota through:

- job creation
- business expansion
- economic development
- producer grants



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...develop and improve essential community services



COMMUNITY

growth

"There were no other options for us. The USDA folks were such great advocates for this project and so helpful."

– Alan O'Neill, CFO, Jamestown Hospital

Rural Development administers a variety of programs designed to develop essential community facilities for public use. These facilities may include schools, libraries, hospitals, fire departments and police stations. Through its Community Programs, Rural Development strives to ensure that such facilities are readily available in our rural communities.


Rural Development builds communities through:

- libraries
- hospitals and clinics
- ambulances
- fire trucks and stations
- long-term care facilities



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A photograph of a wind farm with several white wind turbines on a green grassy hill. The sky is a clear, deep blue. A semi-transparent grey banner is positioned across the upper middle of the image, containing white text. The largest turbine is in the foreground, slightly to the right of center, with its blades pointing upwards and to the left. Other turbines are visible in the background, some further down the hill and others further away.

...ensuring rural communities continue to grow

Photo courtesy of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Wilton, ND

technology

UTILITIES

"We are pleased and proud of our nearly two-decade-long partnership with USDA Rural Development, which has allowed us to expand community services all across rural North Dakota."

– Dennis Hill, ND Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives

Rural Development Utilities Programs improve the quality of life for many rural Americans by providing safe, reliable water and waste disposal systems, at the same time promoting economic development and protecting our natural resources in rural areas. Programs provide assistance in building, repairing or improving rural water and wastewater systems. Furthermore, programs bring high-speed internet access to rural America ensuring that rural areas enjoy the same basic community services enjoyed by people across the United States.

- 15,971 individuals were assisted in accessing quality water systems with funding of essential water and wastewater infrastructure through \$34.4 million in loans and grants
- Building or upgrading electric utility and telecommunication services for rural households, businesses, schools and governments through \$679.8 million in loans and grants



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A photograph of three young children hanging from a red metal monkey bar on a wooden playground. The child on the left is a boy with light brown hair wearing a light blue t-shirt. The child in the middle is a girl with dark hair and bangs wearing a pink patterned shirt. The child on the right is a boy with short brown hair wearing a yellow t-shirt with a graphic. All three children are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows green foliage and a wooden post. A semi-transparent grey bar with white text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

...recovery and reinvestment

investment

AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT

"We work with many communities who are accessing USDA funds. Rural Development is a key player in keeping a community thriving."

– Deb Kantrud, South Central Dakota Regional Council

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Recovery Act aims to jump-start the economy, create and save jobs, address challenges, and help communities thrive.

In North Dakota, USDA Rural Development has played an important role investing a total of \$134,785,805 in Recovery Act funds to rural communities in need. The funds have created jobs, strengthened water and wastewater infrastructure, assisted essential community facilities, helped citizens build wealth through homeownership and supported local businesses. Every day these funds help ensure that North Dakota communities remain vital and strong.

Recovery investments in North Dakota include:

- homeownership
- emergency vehicles and equipment
- hospitals and clinics
- long-term care facilities
- water and sewer projects
- broadband and rural electricity
- renewable energy



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